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Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 2002

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) internet web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
 - *October 2002 (Version 2, dated July 10, 2003)*
 - *November 2002 (Version 2, dated July 10, 2003)*
 - *December 2002 (Version 2, dated July 10, 2003)*
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
 - *October 2002 (Version 2, dated January 17, 2003)*
 - *November 2002 (Version 1, dated January 24, 2003)*
 - *December 2002 (Version 1, dated March 21, 2003)*
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
 - *October 2002 (Version 2, dated July 7, 2003)*
 - *November 2002 (Version 1, dated April 9, 2003)*
 - *December 2002 (Version 1, dated April 9, 2003)*

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

October – December 2002

Investigation Requests

- 41,745 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 13,915 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.8% of the 499,524 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2002).
- 40,714 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 41,745 investigation requests received.
 - 26,585 (65%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 5,414 (13%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 5,152 (13%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 3,563 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 117,081 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 76,367 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 40,714 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 41,601 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 36% of the 117,081 total investigations available.
 - 14,749 (35%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 26,852 (65%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 41,601 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 7,121 (17%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 3,176 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,166 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,611 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,131 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 615 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 323 (.78%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 44,601 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 4,702 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 3,610 (77%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 1,092 (23%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 4,702 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 929 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 20% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 929 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - 797 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$7,161,392 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,286,593 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 2002

Investigation Requests

- 57,857 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 19,286 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 667,559 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2002).
- 56,613 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 57,857 investigation requests received.
 - 36,433 (64%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 8,319 (15%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 7,961 (14%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 3,900 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 153,728 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 97,115 (63%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 56,613 (37%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 56,452 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 37% of the 153,728 total investigations available.
 - 19,789 (35%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 36,663 (65%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 56,452 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 9,994 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 3,975 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,566 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,284 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,276 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 592 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 387 (.69%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 56,452 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 5,218 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 3,997 (77%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 1,221 (23%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 5,218 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,001 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,001 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - 836 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$4,092,634 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,295,947 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**October – December 2002**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	27	20	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou	✓			
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 2002

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	499,524	41,745	40,714	41,601	14,749	26,852	74,861
Alameda	17,047	1,065	1,063	1,018	576	442	1,532
Alpine	30	19	19	24	0	24	4
Amador	258	51	51	69	5	64	0
Butte	4,423	357	347	337	125	212	598
Calaveras	384	169	169	169	29	140	3
Colusa	197	12	12	69	3	66	16
Contra Costa	7,919	346	333	364	208	156	375
Del Norte	766	25	25	37	9	28	109
El Dorado	970	100	100	130	49	81	395
Fresno	22,639	991	902	1,197	484	713	1,504
Glenn	458	127	127	135	22	113	149
Humboldt	2,055	88	88	123	48	75	154
Imperial	4,377	185	185	154	126	28	439
Inyo	121	1	1	1	0	1	1
Kern	16,728	2,631	2,595	2,457	925	1,532	1,222
Kings	2,485	698	698	512	129	383	895
Lake	1,522	93	93	89	51	38	93
Lassen	449	99	99	111	21	90	9
Los Angeles	181,213	8,701	8,273	7,868	2,676	5,192	37,922
Madera	3,153	594	594	446	109	337	233
Marin	813	139	139	42	30	12	438
Mariposa	185	7	7	11	1	10	32
Mendocino	1,464	160	158	154	73	81	280
Merced	5,732	695	695	532	233	299	1,013
Modoc	182	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	53	0	0	1	1	0	0
Monterey	4,411	252	238	373	114	259	2,059
Napa	433	25	25	43	9	34	191
Nevada	543	27	18	19	10	9	71
Orange	19,650	2,497	2,475	2,499	1,347	1,152	3,416
Placer	1,298	63	63	43	18	25	122
Plumas	158	23	23	22	14	8	13
Riverside	20,464	5,197	5,183	5,153	934	4,219	1,397
Sacramento	29,482	1,503	1,369	1,553	671	882	4,054
San Benito	550	36	36	39	16	23	24
San Bernardino	36,986	2,322	2,296	2,861	576	2,285	1,209
San Diego	26,265	5,312	5,124	5,189	1,703	3,486	3,250
San Francisco	6,426	331	331	349	342	7	1,722
San Joaquin	12,852	185	185	185	144	41	374
San Luis Obispo	1,579	135	135	124	64	60	205
San Mateo	1,931	131	131	170	88	82	90
Santa Barbara	3,951	159	159	134	64	70	273
Santa Clara	12,432	550	549	715	305	410	563
Santa Cruz	1,581	447	447	454	119	335	48
Shasta	3,178	270	270	297	217	80	900
Sierra	31	9	9	5	0	5	12
Siskiyou	747	334	334	347	196	151	56
Solano	3,938	1,000	995	1,108	506	602	2,338
Sonoma	2,453	140	139	257	87	170	1,135
Stanislaus	8,383	659	634	727	409	318	1,410
Sutter	1,101	331	331	331	185	146	108
Tehama	1,164	77	77	73	9	64	30
Trinity	192	27	27	28	3	25	22
Tulare	11,294	1,062	1,056	1,282	160	1,122	1,647
Tuolumne	708	209	203	178	98	80	127
Ventura	5,533	185	185	155	64	91	225
Yolo	2,205	212	212	174	75	99	293
Yuba	1,977	682	682	664	269	395	61

a/ Effective with the January 2002 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families and TANF Timed-Out Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 2002 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 October 2002 Item 4, was 76,367.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October – December 2002

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	26,585	5,152	3,563	1,380	609	430	2,995
Alameda	562	329	85	40	6	2	39
Alpine	3	0	6	0	4	6	0
Amador	1	0	5	16	1	1	27
Butte	6	14	129	22	20	4	152
Calaveras	132	0	11	4	5	9	8
Colusa	0	0	2	5	0	1	4
Contra Costa	207	5	12	20	0	4	85
Del Norte	0	1	12	5	2	2	3
El Dorado	10	14	32	12	5	6	21
Fresno	267	222	197	105	16	4	91
Glenn	68	1	29	12	8	2	7
Humboldt	28	2	34	6	2	2	14
Imperial	97	0	46	12	16	7	7
Inyo	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	1,159	33	417	147	28	27	784
Kings	590	2	57	19	7	2	21
Lake	0	5	43	5	15	2	23
Lassen	72	0	19	0	3	3	2
Los Angeles	5,296	2,268	159	94	0	64	392
Madera	491	18	46	14	0	4	21
Marin	6	106	9	2	4	0	12
Mariposa	3	0	3	1	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	99	28	6	3	7	12
Merced	408	127	88	19	11	3	39
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	129	6	14	10	4	1	74
Napa	0	0	14	7	0	0	4
Nevada	5	0	8	2	1	1	1
Orange	2,163	155	33	36	1	1	86
Placer	1	4	21	14	5	3	15
Plumas	12	3	6	0	1	0	1
Riverside	4,555	243	143	84	11	7	140
Sacramento	838	202	117	53	9	7	143
San Benito	5	7	4	11	0	1	8
San Bernardino	1,056	24	731	122	152	120	91
San Diego	4,500	261	142	96	28	14	83
San Francisco	82	226	0	0	0	1	22
San Joaquin	135	25	7	2	0	2	14
San Luis Obispo	37	1	47	7	5	5	33
San Mateo	47	5	21	33	7	6	12
Santa Barbara	34	25	36	12	10	4	38
Santa Clara	253	162	40	60	1	2	31
Santa Cruz	267	171	6	2	0	0	1
Shasta	109	4	88	23	16	7	23
Sierra	0	0	0	1	8	0	0
Siskiyou	124	0	52	14	49	63	32
Solano	777	100	58	28	9	0	23
Sonoma	45	34	28	10	0	4	18
Stanislaus	107	158	204	42	36	2	85
Sutter	216	1	26	21	28	1	38
Tehama	23	0	16	8	9	5	16
Trinity	7	13	3	0	1	0	3
Tulare	741	28	128	68	22	3	66
Tuolumne	159	2	25	4	5	0	8
Ventura	158	0	2	1	0	5	19
Yolo	109	28	31	16	13	2	13
Yuba	482	18	42	27	22	1	90

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
October – December 2002

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	7,121	1,131	323	3,176	1,611	2,166	615
Alameda	279	160	0	109	1	27	35
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Butte	58	13	0	9	38	7	19
Calaveras	20	0	0	0	8	1	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	2	1	60
Contra Costa	39	21	2	56	0	90	0
Del Norte	0	2	0	1	6	0	0
El Dorado	6	4	0	21	6	45	1
Fresno	81	58	195	63	84	3	310
Glenn	13	0	0	2	7	0	0
Humboldt	14	2	0	17	32	1	0
Imperial	5	0	0	0	2	3	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	466	77	0	101	184	97	0
Kings	103	5	0	5	9	7	0
Lake	3	0	0	15	21	12	0
Lassen	14	1	0	0	5	1	0
Los Angeles	1,393	194	0	767	29	832	0
Madera	12	18	0	22	49	8	0
Marin	3	0	0	23	17	3	2
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Mendocino	0	5	0	30	2	36	16
Merced	31	46	0	92	74	7	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	42	4	0	1	8	59	8
Napa	3	0	0	2	1	3	13
Nevada	2	0	0	2	3	3	0
Orange	779	38	25	153	367	204	10
Placer	1	3	0	5	9	0	0
Plumas	3	3	0	5	1	2	0
Riverside	679	46	0	186	0	7	1
Sacramento	297	88	32	244	9	1	2
San Benito	3	2	0	4	7	0	0
San Bernardino	194	68	8	143	224	59	0
San Diego	1,268	52	49	307	9	128	1
San Francisco	5	0	0	1	6	0	0
San Joaquin	68	61	0	3	12	15	1
San Luis Obispo	13	0	0	1	33	2	0
San Mateo	51	2	0	18	12	5	0
Santa Barbara	9	10	0	27	26	5	0
Santa Clara	107	34	0	150	2	12	0
Santa Cruz	103	4	0	12	0	0	0
Shasta	27	21	0	19	32	118	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	30	0	0	37	60	69	0
Solano	260	8	0	198	5	35	23
Sonoma	32	0	4	95	20	36	81
Stanislaus	76	15	4	158	141	69	0
Sutter	63	4	0	12	8	99	1
Tehama	2	1	4	0	1	1	0
Trinity	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	141	6	0	8	0	5	21
Tuolumne	57	2	0	7	14	18	0
Ventura	55	9	0	0	0	0	3
Yolo	17	22	0	20	6	10	0
Yuba	189	21	0	25	15	19	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October – December 2002

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,092	4,702	929	131
Alameda	160	519	111	10
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	13	34	17	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	9	78	6	0
Del Norte	2	7	0	0
El Dorado	1	1	1	0
Fresno	58	111	53	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	2	0	0
Imperial	0	26	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	77	180	78	3
Kings	5	10	0	0
Lake	0	26	7	0
Lassen	6	7	4	2
Los Angeles	194	428	158	71
Madera	18	18	18	0
Marin	0	1	1	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	5	28	6	1
Merced	47	615	20	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4	40	2	0
Napa	0	26	2	0
Nevada	0	2	1	0
Orange	32	89	30	7
Placer	3	51	2	0
Plumas	2	10	1	0
Riverside	41	80	52	1
Sacramento	88	569	81	5
San Benito	2	3	1	2
San Bernardino	68	490	45	1
San Diego	47	437	37	1
San Francisco	0	90	2	0
San Joaquin	61	165	63	1
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	90	3	1
Santa Barbara	10	10	10	0
Santa Clara	34	39	35	0
Santa Cruz	4	4	4	0
Shasta	21	24	14	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	8	242	4	23
Sonoma	0	10	2	1
Stanislaus	15	15	15	0
Sutter	4	4	4	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	1	0
Tulare	6	6	5	1
Tuolumne	2	14	1	0
Ventura	9	23	5	0
Yolo	22	22	22	0
Yuba	9	48	5	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 October 2002 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November, and December 2002's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 2002

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	797	49	88	79	140	0	46	2
Alameda	93	47	47	0	67	0	10	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	14	0	0	14	6	0	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	63	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Kings	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
Lassen	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	99	0	0	0	27	0	0	0
Madera	7	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	16	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0
Napa	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	34	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	47	0	0	56	3	0	0	0
Sacramento	75	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	44	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Diego	52	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	32	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Shasta	19	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	20	0	0	0	3	0	23	0
Sonoma	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	19	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
October – December 2002

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$7,161,392	\$6,286,593
Alameda	908,374	351,441
Alpine	0	0
Amador	1,482	503
Butte	26,361	13,665
Calaveras	0	1,100
Colusa	0	742
Contra Costa	91,275	197,021
Del Norte	6,791	5,850
El Dorado	2,682	30,207
Fresno	80,649	141,002
Glenn	4,980	7,694
Humboldt	13,714	20,345
Imperial	0	2,546
Inyo	187	760
Kern	123,145	116,269
Kings	13,702	59,690
Lake	37,359	16,194
Lassen	1,205	1,011
Los Angeles	1,976,090	1,442,241
Madera	105,360	30,413
Marin	9,595	22,578
Mariposa	426	517
Mendocino	43,332	18,193
Merced	63,581	25,985
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	9,206	76,125
Napa	6,895	2,431
Nevada	1,042	5,496
Orange	388,675	138,436
Placer	19,658	35,092
Plumas	3,716	2,152
Riverside	182,298	232,244
Sacramento	804,957	853,428
San Benito	18,083	17,674
San Bernardino	358,281	196,925
San Diego	267,540	577,211
San Francisco	85,665	174,394
San Joaquin	196,643	88,331
San Luis Obispo	244	4,435
San Mateo	38,619	0
Santa Barbara	46,526	130,605
Santa Clara	322,560	589,315
Santa Cruz	10,057	36,388
Shasta	54,155	17,409
Sierra	1,925	636
Siskiyou	41,000	47,000
Solano	353,137	123,600
Sonoma	46,577	129,667
Stanislaus	215,460	104,491
Sutter	15,860	6,386
Tehama	0	1,968
Trinity	0	295
Tulare	86,503	0
Tuolumne	16,243	3,883
Ventura	22,616	103,788
Yolo	17,144	51,294
Yuba	19,817	29,527

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 2002

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	667,559	57,857	56,613	56,452	19,789	36,663	96,875
Alameda	21,189	1,369	1,367	1,265	678	587	1,674
Alpine	36	34	34	32	0	32	11
Amador	393	60	60	86	5	81	0
Butte	5,841	389	378	430	160	270	514
Calaveras	624	364	364	364	73	291	10
Colusa	365	24	24	127	3	124	18
Contra Costa	5,619	395	385	447	261	186	372
Del Norte	1,182	41	41	57	10	47	126
El Dorado	1,543	165	165	193	75	118	415
Fresno	29,567	1,087	993	1,138	570	568	924
Glenn	674	275	275	280	55	225	406
Humboldt	3,859	120	120	170	65	105	165
Imperial	5,463	202	202	172	133	39	488
Inyo	350	6	6	20	4	16	18
Kern	18,411	4,067	4,025	3,875	1,070	2,805	1,219
Kings	3,761	1,178	1,178	915	198	717	1,099
Lake	1,989	115	115	101	57	44	124
Lassen	611	147	147	159	23	136	15
Los Angeles	270,066	12,748	12,145	11,005	3,613	7,392	54,127
Madera	4,383	750	750	605	140	465	308
Marin	1,553	251	251	58	38	20	1,034
Mariposa	302	6	6	14	1	13	41
Mendocino	2,459	235	233	230	103	127	326
Merced	7,000	1,204	1,204	882	364	518	1,164
Modoc	263	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	116	0	0	1	1	0	0
Monterey	5,435	433	416	576	158	418	1,816
Napa	698	42	42	74	22	52	251
Nevada	770	35	26	24	15	9	94
Orange	25,927	2,690	2,667	2,817	1,704	1,113	2,968
Placer	1,666	63	63	50	23	27	135
Plumas	203	28	28	25	15	10	24
Riverside	21,013	9,271	9,255	9,216	1,734	7,482	1,723
Sacramento	34,071	1,266	1,175	1,017	577	440	4,618
San Benito	735	29	29	32	14	18	32
San Bernardino	44,118	2,960	2,934	3,578	796	2,782	1,729
San Diego	28,143	4,978	4,766	4,716	1,766	2,950	4,041
San Francisco	15,358	559	559	768	759	9	3,270
San Joaquin	14,607	187	187	192	152	40	395
San Luis Obispo	2,500	173	173	153	83	70	267
San Mateo	2,701	176	176	242	102	140	165
Santa Barbara	5,898	264	264	238	127	111	260
Santa Clara	16,374	647	645	873	398	475	680
Santa Cruz	3,085	781	781	763	173	590	94
Shasta	4,135	404	404	419	308	111	1,067
Sierra	45	9	9	5	0	5	13
Siskiyou	1,282	716	716	704	397	307	130
Solano	3,210	1,377	1,370	1,449	570	879	2,760
Sonoma	3,829	190	189	280	109	171	1,260
Stanislaus	10,176	786	755	878	500	378	1,647
Sutter	1,478	626	626	614	308	306	176
Tehama	1,871	77	77	73	9	64	30
Trinity	302	41	41	41	6	35	27
Tulare	15,600	1,534	1,528	1,775	291	1,484	1,652
Tuolumne	834	348	309	342	222	120	162
Ventura	8,580	409	409	407	164	243	349
Yolo	2,862	321	321	268	116	152	414
Yuba	2,436	1,205	1,205	1,217	471	746	28

a/ Data is the monthly average of the October - December 2002 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 2002 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 October 2002 Item 4 was 97,115.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October – December 2002

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	36,433	7,961	3,900	1,702	830	633	5,154
Alameda	628	373	87	45	10	2	222
Alpine	9	0	10	0	9	6	0
Amador	1	0	7	18	1	2	31
Butte	6	13	146	26	26	5	156
Calaveras	307	0	16	5	5	11	20
Colusa	0	0	2	6	0	1	15
Contra Costa	244	6	13	21	0	5	96
Del Norte	2	1	13	9	3	3	10
El Dorado	21	23	41	13	11	6	50
Fresno	313	255	206	115	15	4	85
Glenn	132	0	53	29	27	5	29
Humboldt	27	2	33	9	3	2	44
Imperial	98	0	52	17	18	10	7
Inyo	2	1	0	1	0	2	0
Kern	1,174	40	454	174	27	33	2,123
Kings	1,023	3	61	24	7	3	57
Lake	2	8	44	10	17	3	31
Lassen	117	0	20	0	3	3	4
Los Angeles	7,316	3,858	175	186	0	94	516
Madera	631	26	49	14	0	4	26
Marin	6	162	9	5	4	0	65
Mariposa	2	0	3	1	0	0	0
Mendocino	5	130	47	7	6	12	26
Merced	779	231	101	33	14	1	45
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	165	6	15	8	4	1	217
Napa	0	0	18	11	0	1	12
Nevada	8	1	10	2	3	1	1
Orange	2,371	202	31	38	1	2	22
Placer	1	4	22	14	6	2	14
Plumas	15	3	7	1	1	0	1
Riverside	8,447	355	164	91	11	7	180
Sacramento	615	283	103	46	7	9	112
San Benito	6	7	4	9	0	1	2
San Bernardino	1,407	42	816	155	201	150	163
San Diego	4,061	395	133	99	33	12	33
San Francisco	96	392	0	0	0	1	70
San Joaquin	137	25	6	2	0	2	15
San Luis Obispo	47	5	48	17	6	5	45
San Mateo	64	5	24	45	8	6	24
Santa Barbara	90	27	39	22	12	6	68
Santa Clara	292	246	41	56	2	2	6
Santa Cruz	534	217	20	2	0	0	8
Shasta	212	8	100	29	23	6	26
Sierra	0	0	0	1	8	0	0
Siskiyou	361	0	62	23	70	170	30
Solano	1,071	174	58	34	10	1	22
Sonoma	45	74	25	13	1	4	27
Stanislaus	143	213	199	52	35	3	110
Sutter	420	3	29	33	92	1	48
Tehama	23	0	16	8	9	5	16
Trinity	16	15	4	0	2	0	4
Tulare	1,119	58	161	70	25	6	89
Tuolumne	261	2	27	6	8	1	4
Ventura	369	0	3	6	0	8	23
Yolo	182	39	31	18	20	2	29
Yuba	1,010	28	42	23	26	1	75

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
October – December 2002

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	9,994	1,276	387	3,975	2,284	2,566	592
Alameda	321	189	0	127	19	22	33
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Butte	88	15	0	11	39	7	20
Calaveras	58	0	0	0	14	1	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	2	1	107
Contra Costa	61	19	4	84	0	93	0
Del Norte	1	2	0	1	6	0	0
El Dorado	6	4	0	34	8	57	2
Fresno	98	61	221	83	104	3	124
Glenn	25	0	0	5	24	1	0
Humboldt	24	3	0	21	34	2	0
Imperial	5	0	0	0	2	4	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Kern	572	80	0	114	202	102	0
Kings	170	5	0	5	11	7	0
Lake	5	0	0	18	26	12	0
Lassen	16	1	0	0	5	1	0
Los Angeles	1,968	209	0	959	137	1,088	0
Madera	16	29	0	35	54	6	0
Marin	3	0	0	26	20	5	3
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Mendocino	1	5	0	49	3	45	18
Merced	48	74	0	173	128	3	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	48	4	0	2	17	88	13
Napa	7	0	0	2	1	12	15
Nevada	4	1	0	4	4	2	0
Orange	1,045	43	27	158	491	54	9
Placer	1	9	0	1	11	0	0
Plumas	4	3	0	5	1	2	0
Riverside	1,372	53	0	286	0	8	1
Sacramento	284	77	35	172	8	1	2
San Benito	3	4	0	3	4	0	0
San Bernardino	283	81	8	231	325	63	0
San Diego	1,205	60	78	446	10	115	1
San Francisco	8	2	0	6	34	0	0
San Joaquin	75	61	0	0	22	14	1
San Luis Obispo	16	1	0	5	47	0	4
San Mateo	59	4	0	18	15	6	0
Santa Barbara	39	13	0	43	46	8	0
Santa Clara	122	28	0	234	2	12	0
Santa Cruz	154	6	0	10	3	0	0
Shasta	52	22	0	23	43	168	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	77	0	0	54	114	152	0
Solano	375	10	0	145	5	35	109
Sonoma	41	1	4	106	20	43	79
Stanislaus	100	14	6	201	159	80	0
Sutter	110	4	0	15	8	172	1
Tehama	2	1	4	0	1	1	0
Trinity	7	1	0	0	0	2	0
Tulare	265	11	0	10	0	5	19
Tuolumne	167	2	0	7	15	31	0
Ventura	155	9	0	0	0	0	23
Yolo	39	25	0	27	10	15	0
Yuba	387	29	0	16	24	15	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October – December 2002

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,221	5,218	1,001	141
Alameda	189	464	132	12
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	15	34	20	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	9	67	6	0
Del Norte	2	7	0	0
El Dorado	1	1	1	0
Fresno	61	87	57	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	5	2	0
Imperial	0	26	0	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0
Kern	80	186	84	4
Kings	5	14	0	3
Lake	0	25	7	0
Lassen	6	7	4	2
Los Angeles	209	873	158	74
Madera	29	29	29	0
Marin	0	1	1	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	5	37	6	1
Merced	75	773	28	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4	44	2	0
Napa	0	27	2	0
Nevada	1	2	0	0
Orange	34	87	35	7
Placer	9	66	5	0
Plumas	2	8	1	0
Riverside	46	84	57	1
Sacramento	77	457	70	3
San Benito	6	8	3	4
San Bernardino	81	544	54	1
San Diego	48	366	46	0
San Francisco	2	134	4	0
San Joaquin	61	169	56	2
San Luis Obispo	1	1	1	0
San Mateo	4	83	4	0
Santa Barbara	13	13	11	2
Santa Clara	28	33	24	0
Santa Cruz	6	6	6	0
Shasta	22	25	15	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	10	239	6	23
Sonoma	1	9	1	1
Stanislaus	14	14	14	0
Sutter	4	4	4	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	1	0
Tulare	11	11	10	1
Tuolumne	2	16	1	0
Ventura	9	37	3	0
Yolo	25	25	25	0
Yuba	9	59	5	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 October 2002 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November, and December 2002's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 2002

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	836	56	124	87	156	0	49	3
Alameda	108	53	53	0	84	0	12	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	14	0	0	14	6	0	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kern	62	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Kings	7	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2
Lassen	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	95	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
Madera	10	0	26	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	21	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Napa	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	36	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	1	0	6	2	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	54	0	0	63	5	0	0	0
Sacramento	67	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
San Benito	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Diego	53	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	32	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Shasta	20	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	20	0	0	0	3	0	23	0
Sonoma	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	20	1	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
October – December 2002

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,092,634	\$2,295,947
Alameda	511,028	222,434
Alpine	0	0
Amador	1,966	170
Butte	22,172	14,622
Calaveras	0	284
Colusa	0	1,965
Contra Costa	58,587	4,372
Del Norte	4,369	3,824
El Dorado	5,078	13,396
Fresno	58,781	48,348
Glenn	2,329	7,399
Humboldt	7,180	12,987
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	161	80
Kern	103,560	80,102
Kings	21,488	32,616
Lake	34,846	11,373
Lassen	263	731
Los Angeles	841,717	397,265
Madera	74,305	22,572
Marin	6,900	7,330
Mariposa	322	439
Mendocino	21,444	8,825
Merced	101,566	6,719
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	4,464	31,971
Napa	3,929	692
Nevada	3,159	2,554
Orange	134,801	65,292
Placer	8,659	7,192
Plumas	1,523	1,632
Riverside	206,467	74,201
Sacramento	435,457	269,843
San Benito	3,405	7,247
San Bernardino	222,907	126,523
San Diego	248,277	76,869
San Francisco	105,693	156,777
San Joaquin	103,501	24,100
San Luis Obispo	5,935	8,009
San Mateo	11,457	0
Santa Barbara	22,972	45,550
Santa Clara	223,352	117,787
Santa Cruz	5,545	8,633
Shasta	25,087	11,085
Sierra	909	397
Siskiyou	56,000	69,000
Solano	97,924	87,449
Sonoma	23,572	35,945
Stanislaus	126,760	64,200
Sutter	7,975	4,043
Tehama	0	707
Trinity	0	14
Tulare	85,310	0
Tuolumne	6,834	2,018
Ventura	0	55,889
Yolo	9,419	26,494
Yuba	23,279	15,981



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